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12. [REDACTED] During the course of the day, I talked several times with Russ Rourke, Executive Assistant to John O. Marsh, Counsellor to the President, expressing our interest and concern in responding to outstanding requests from the House and Senate Agriculture Committees and the Senate Government Operations Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations for information on the Soviet grain crop. I told Rourke it was my information that Agency representatives had briefed members of a food conference on our latest estimates on Soviet grain production today and that I feared this information would leak to the press before we could get to these Committees with whom we had a definite commitment since they had agreed to cancel briefings previously scheduled with them on the subject. Rourke's final message was that Marsh had talked with General Scowcroft about this who had assured Marsh he would coordinate the congressional aspects of this whole matter and be in touch with Mr. Colby later in the day. (I advised the Director of these conversations who said he would talk with General Scowcroft this evening.)

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14. [REDACTED] Delivered copies of the Director's prepared statement for his appearance before the House Select Committee on 6 August to the offices of the following: Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense; Charles Snodgrass, House Defense Subcommittee staff; Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee; Guy G. McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff; and T. Edward Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee.

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